***Sexting Cases***

1. Fairfax County, VA:

HS male student asked different girls in his school to send him pictures of their naked breasts. Word spread through the school, and eventually to law enforcement.

The police came to his school, confiscated his cell phone, and found a large collection of nude and semi-nude images of female classmates.

1. Cincinnati, OH

Jessie Logan sent her boyfriend topless pictures of herself when she was 17 years old. After they broke up, he distributed the images to classmates. A group of female students received the images and started bullying and harassing her. She was labeled a “slut” and “whore”. Her topless pictures were sent to literally hundreds of cell phones. Jessie hung herself in her bedroom July, 2008.

Her mother is appearing on talk shows and other media outlets to discourage kids from making the same mistake Jessie did.

1. Parkland SD, PA

Middle-school female students sent nude images of themselves to several friends, who then flipped the images to others. One male student created a group on Facebook entitled: “Parkland: Where Porn Stars Are Born”. DA James Martin is handling the case; the images have been distributed throughout many colleges and Universities (including Temple and Harvard) and world wide.

1. New York

15-year-old girl sent nude images of herself to her boyfriend, who shared the images with his friends. Those friends flipped the images to other boys. Those boys (classmates) put the nude images of the girl into a power point presentation and distributed it school-wide.

1. Florida

Philip Alton (18) received nude and semi-nude images from his girlfriend (whom he met in church). Two weeks after she sent the images she dumped him in a demeaning way. Philip then sent the images to over 70 people, including her parents and grandparents.

1. Georgia

52-year-old Scott P. Swanson of Hiawassee, GA., contacted a 14-year-old female student at Tunkhannock Area Middle School. Swanson saw nude photos of her on the internet and asked her to send him more.

1. Florida

19-year-old Anthony Rich was angry over his girlfriend breaking up with him. He found an old nude photo of her taken when he was 17 and she was 15. He posted it on her myspace page and told everyone to go look at it. He also emailed hundreds of copies on the internet.

1. Wisconsin

Meet Alex Phillips. The Wisconsin teenager posted naked photos of his 16-year-old ex-girlfried on his myspace page. When contacted by police about the two images, Phillips refused to remove the pictures even after being told he could face jail. According to Phillips he posted the photos because he was “venting”. Along with the photos were sexually explicit captions. The girl admitted to taking the photos herself and sending them to Phillips. She said she did not give him permission to publish them on his myspace page.